

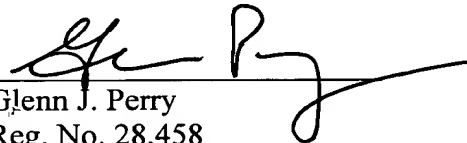
REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to merely clarify the description of the invention, added new claims 31-32 and amended claims 1, 5, 7-8, 15, 17-18, 23, 25-26 and 30 to merely clarify the claimed invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-30 are pending. Allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto as an attached Appendix captioned "Version with markings to show changes made" is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

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Change the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 5 as follows:

If one or more sharing rules are satisfied and one or more recipients are determined from the application of the face identifying information to the sharing (and other, if any) rule(s) 280, the image associated with the face identifying information is made available to each of the recipients as specified by the satisfied sharing (and other, if any) rule(s) 140, 290 [that is complied with]. In an embodiment, sending information for the recipient(s) e.g. e-mail addresses is determined and then the image, along with perhaps other images determined to be sent to the recipient, is sent electronically by e-mail to each of the recipient(s) as specified by the satisfied sharing rule(s) [that is complied with] and for which sending information is available. Such sending of e-mails may be automatic (in that the e-mail is generated and sent to the recipient(s) without significant or any user intervention) or manual and optionally, the user may be offered the choice to decline sending the image to one or more of the determined recipients. Alternatively, a link to the image on a Web site could be sent instead of the image itself. The image (or link) could also be sent by other electronic transmission means such as instant messaging. As will be apparent to those skilled in the art, the image may also simply be made available on a portion of a Web site designated for the recipient and which the recipient may access.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method for image sharing based on a face in an image, comprising:
defining a sharing rule [defining] that specifies with which one or more recipients
images are shared based on face identifying information; and
applying face identifying information associated with the image to the sharing rule to
determine the one or more recipients with which the image should be shared.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein making the image available comprises
at least one of automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined one or more
recipients by e-mail [or] and automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the
determined one or more recipients.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the image comprises at least one of a
digital photo [or] and a digital video.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the sharing rule specifies [any] at least one of a set of face identifying information, a range of face identifying information [or] and a characteristic of an item or set of face identifying information.

15. (Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the sending unit is adapted to at least one of automatically send a copy of the image to the determined one or more recipients by e-mail [or] and automatically send a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or more recipients.

17. (Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the image comprises at least one of a digital photo [or] and a digital video.

18. (Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the sharing rule specifies [any] at least one of a set of face identifying information, a range of face identifying information [or] and a characteristic of an item or set of face identifying information.

23. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein making the image available comprises at least one of automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined one or more recipients by e-mail [or] and automatically sending a link to the image on a Web site to the determined one or more recipients.

25. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the image comprises at least one of a digital photo [or] and a digital video.

26. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the sharing rule specifies [any] at least one of a set of face identifying information, a range of face identifying information [or] and a characteristic of an item or set of face identifying information.

30. The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the image comprises at least one of a digital photo [or] and a digital video.